

CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
September 3, 1952

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:10 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 1952; Councilmen Preszler, Rinn, Richey, Robinson and Haskell (Mayor) present; none absent. Members of the Recreation Commission present: Van Buskirk(Chairman), Conklin, Crescenzi, Patton and Higginbotham.

The minutes of the previous meeting, August 20, 1952, were approved as written and mailed.

PUBLIC HEARING

ANNEXATION
PETITION
PRESENTED

Mayor Haskell opened the meeting to public hearing stating that due to other matters on the agenda the public would be heard at the outset. Mr. T. J. Hallinan addressed the Council and submitted a petition for annexation of a portion of the Lawrence Homestead Addition lying west of Cherokee Lane and south of Turner Road. Mr. Hallinan explained that the description of the proposed annexation had been submitted to the County Boundary Commission and would be acted upon at the next meeting of that body within the week. Councilman Richey moved that the petition be referred to the City Planning Commission before being accepted by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Preszler and passed unanimously.

INTERVIEW
OF
ARCHITECT
FIRM

Mr. Clyde F. Trudell of the firm Hurt, Trudell and Berger, Architects and Engineers, was introduced to the members of the City Council and was questioned at length regarding the type of construction which the City could expect, the type of supervision offered by the firm on its jobs, methods of letting contracts, and form of contract which would be required between the firm and the City in the event Hurt, Trudell and Berger was selected as the architects for the proposed Lodi Hall of Justice. At the conclusion of the interview, Councilman Preszler moved that a committee consisting of Mayor Haskell and Councilmen Rinn and Robinson be appointed to meet with the City Manager to discuss and make modifications to the Standard Contract, that the modified contract be submitted to Hurt, Trudell and Berger and, when agreement is reached, that the Mayor be empowered to execute the contract for the City of Lodi. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richey and passed.

LODI LAKE PARK

At this point members of the City Recreation Commission joined the City Council for the purpose of discussing problems relating to Lodi Lake Park. Mayor Haskell reviewed the history of the Park including a summary of the problems created by increased use of the present facilities. Recreation Director Ed DeBenedetti reported that surveys in the past indicate that approximately 60% of the patrons of the Lodi Lake Park come from outside the City of Lodi. He further stated that the present Park would suffice for several years with some improvements; however at a later date the Park capacity will again be reached and question of expansion will again be faced. He pointed out that the State Department of Parks and Beaches may not be in a position to offer the same proposal we have before us today. As the Mayor canvassed each member of the Council and the Recreation Commission for an expression of opinion on the problem, the following points

were brought out: Funds released from maintenance of Lake Park, in the event it goes to the State, could help provide other recreational facilities; expansion by local funds, either through revenue bonds or special recreational district, would probably not be politically feasible; it would take too long to finance expansion from revenues gained from a proposed admission fee; and the City would have nothing to lose by turning the Park over to the State to expand and administer. Mr. George Hughes rose to speak for the family of Louis Mason, the original donor of the property. Mr. Hughes stated that the family was not opposed to the State Park, but that it thought the matter ought to go before the people. Mr. Allen Sanguinetti, owner of property along the river, protested that because of constant floods the river could not be developed. Mr. J. E. Conklin, Recreation Commissioner, reminded those present that this meeting was not called to discuss or consider the formal dedication of the Park to the State, but rather to investigate problems associated with the Lake Park and to explore the possibilities offered, including dedication to the State. Further discussion brought forth the following information: Before the State will take further action the City Council must make a formal request to the State for an appraisal of the present Park site. When the appraisal is completed, the City will meet with the State officials and discuss the figures involved and discuss in some detail the plan of development proposed by the State. The City would then have the option of accepting or rejecting the offer by Council action or reference to the electors. Any action taken by the Council asking for an appraisal by the State would not commit the City to dedication of the Park, but would simply provide the necessary information with which an intelligent decision could be made. There being no further discussion, the Mayor excused the members of the Recreation Commission and proceeded to the business at hand.

COMMUNICATIONS

SALES TAX
RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Weller read letters from the cities of San Fernando and Needles opposing the proposed sales tax stabilization and suggesting that a resolution to that effect be passed by the Lodi City Council. The matter was tabled on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Robinson second.

CITY AID TO
GRAPE FESTIVAL

A letter from the Secretary-Manager of the Grape Festival and National Wine Show requesting the following measures of cooperation from the City in conjunction with the Wine Festival this year:

1. Close Lockeford Street to parking east of S.P. tracks on Saturday and Sunday.
2. Use of Lawrence Park for folk dancing on Sunday.
3. Raise American flags on light towers over stadium.
4. Use of Soft Ball Park for parking.
5. Clear parade route on Sunday.
6. Permission for judge's stand at Pine and School Streets.
7. Sale of ice cream and soft drinks under Festival license along line of march.
8. Understanding as to concession rights in the stadium.
9. Use of City electrical crew at \$2.25 per hour per man.

The request was granted with the understanding that only the outfield of the Soft Ball Park would be used for parking.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

POLICE CHIEF INTERVIEWS Mr. Weller reported that the oral interviews for the screening of candidates for the position of Chief of Police had been set for Friday, September 12, 1952.

DENY CLAIMS The City had been served with papers claiming general damages of \$100,000 each for the drowning of Joanne Potter and Jacqueline Scott in Lodi Lake Park. The parents of the girls also claim specific damages in the amount of approximately \$1,300. On the motion of Councilman Rinn, Robinson second, the claim was denied and referred to the City's insurance carrier.

FIRE HOSE BIDS The City Manager reported that bids had been received for fire hose and that only one bid received met specifications, the bid of the American Rubber Mfg. Co. Mr. Gordon Nichols of 1500 Lake Street addressed the Council to point out that the specifications for the fire hose adopted by the Council were such that only one company could bid on the contract. He said that not even the distributors for the American Rubber Company were permitted to handle the "Cracker-jack" brand. He further claimed that the City should get the "jobbers price" which is considerably lower than the bid submitted. Mr. Weller stated that the recommendations of the Fire Chief must be taken into consideration and that "Cracker-jack" is the only hose the Chief has found entirely satisfactory. Councilman Robinson moved, Richey second, that the matter be deferred to the Sept. 17 meeting in order that the American Rubber Co. can be contacted regarding a more favorable bid. The motion passed.

EASEMENT EXCHANGED FOR SEWER CONNECTION A recommendation that the City accept an easement across property of Mr. Sam Rischer, 350 E. Kettleman Lane, in return for permission to connect to the newly constructed sewer was received from the City Engineer. The City Engineer reported that the arrangement would simplify the City's construction problem. On the motion of Councilman Preszler, Rinn second, the recommendation of the City Engineer was accepted.

W.H.THOMPSON ROOM DEDICATION City Manager reported that the dedication of the Wilson H. Thompson Room of the Lodi Library would take place at 8:30 p.m., September 9, 1952.

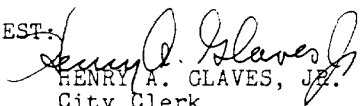
STOCKTON THANKS CITY A letter from the City of Stockton expressing thanks and appreciation for the election of Mayor Ventre to the Board of Directors of the League of Calif. Cities.

CLAIMS Claims in the amount of \$94,553.27 were approved and ordered paid on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Richey second.

SEEK REAFFIRMATION FROM STATE At the suggestion of Councilman Rinn it was decided to request a formal reaffirmation of the State's offer regarding the dedication and expansion of Lodi Lake Park. If the State affirms the position as understood at tonight's meeting, it will then be in order for the Council to request the State to proceed with the appraisal of the present Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m. on the motion of Councilman Rinn.

ATTEST:


 HENRY A. GRAVES, JR.
 City Clerk